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1. BIOGRAPHIC HANDBOOK PROVIDES SUFFICIENT BIOGRAPHIC
DATA ON SOUVANNA, SISOUK, PHENG, NGON, LEUAM, KHAMPHAI,
KHAMKING, HOUMPHANH, SOUKAN, TOUBY, SOUPHANOUVONG,
PHOUMI, SOUK, SOTH AND COLONEL DEUANE. THEREFORE, WE
ARE SUBMITTING HEREIN SHORT BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES OF
ONLY THE LESSER-KNOWN FACES IN THE NEW LAO
CABINET: DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER TIANETHONE
CHANTHARASY (RLG); DEPUTY MINISTER OF INFORMATION
OUDAY SOUVANNAVONG (RLG); DEPUTY MINISTER OF ECONOMY/
PLAN SOMPHOU OUDOMVILAY (RLG); MINISTER OF RELIGION
MAHA KOU SOUVANNAMETHI (LPF); MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS
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SINGKAPO CHOUNRAMANY (LPF); DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION

OUN NEUA PHIMMASONE (LPF); DEPUTY FINANCE MINISTER
BOUTSABONG SOUVANNAVONG (LPF); DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER
KHAMMOUANE BOUPHA (LPF); DEPUTY HEALTH MINISTER
KHAMLIENG PHOLSENA (LPF); DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE
SOMVANG SENSATHIT (LPF); AND MINISTER OF PTT KHAMPHENG
BOUPHA (QN).

2. TIANETHONE CHANTHARASY -- TIANETHONE, 46 WAS
EDUCATED IN BOTH VIENTIANE AND SAIGON. FROM 1945-48,
HE WAS IN BANGKOK WITH THE LAO ISSARA EXILES. IN 1948,
HE RETURNED TO LAOS. HE FINISHED HIS SCHOOLING AND
BEGAIN HIS GOVERNMENT CAREER IN 1952, SERVING FIRST AS
SECRETARY AND AS HEAD OF THE PERMANENT OFFICE OF AN RLG
COMMITTEE THAT HANDLED AMERICAN AID. IN 1955, HE
BECAME PERMANENT SECRETARY AT THE NATIONAL IMPORT
COMMISSION AND, FROM 1956 UNTIL 1958, HE WAS DIRECTOR
OF FOREIGN COMMERCE IN THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY. FROM
1958 TO 1960, HE SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCES IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. DURING
THIS PERIOD, HE WAS ACTIVE IN PHOUMI NOSAVAN'S COMMITTEE
FOR THE DEFENSE OF NATIONAL INTERESTS, BEING ELECTED
PERMANENT SECRETARY IN 1958. FROM 1960 TO 1963, HE
SERVED AS FIRST SECRETARY/CHARGE IN THE LAO EMBASSY
IN WASHINGTON. THERE HE GAINED A REPUTATION FOR BEING
ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE LAO OFFICERS EVER TO HAVE
SERVED IN THE U.S. DESPITE NO TRAINING IN ENGLISH
LANGUAGE, HE RETURNED TO LAOS SPEAKING FLUENT ENGLISH.
TIANETHONE SERVED BRIEFLY, IN 1964, AS THE CHEF DE
CABINET IN THE MINISTRY OF FIREIGN AFFAIRS BEFORE
BEING ASSIGNED AS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS, WHICH IS THE FIFTH-RANKING CIVIL SERVICE
POSITION IN THE RLG. IN 1967, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO
CANBERRA AS COUNSELOR/CHARGE AND, SUBSEQUENTLY, IN
1971, WAS NAMED LAO AMBASSADOR TO NEW DELHI. OVER THE
YEARS, TIANETHONE HAS PARTICIPATED IN WIDE VARIETY
OF EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN LAOS, INCLUDING HOLDING
POSITIONS IN THE YOUNG LAO CIVIL SERVANTS ORGANIZATION,
LAO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION, JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AND LAO RED CROSS. HE IS A STRONG PROPONENT OF THE
"MORAL REARMAMENT" MOVEMENT. HE IS CONSIDERED TO BE
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INTELLIGENT, VIGOROUS AND AMBITIOUS. HE IS FRIENDLY
TO, AND UNDERSTANDS, THE U.S. AND ITS POLICIES. AT THE
SAME TIME, HE QUALIFIES AS A NATIONALIST WHO EVINCES
SOME SUSPICION TOWARD FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND THEIR
POLICIES AS THEY AFFECT LAOS.

3. SOMPHOU OUDOMVILAY -- SOMPHOU, 38, CURRENTLY
REPRESENTS VIENTIANE PROVINCE IN NATIONAL

ASSEMBLY. AS CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HE HOLDS A SEAT ON ASSEMBLY'S STANDING COMMITTEE. ALSO, HE SERVED AS A MEMBER OF RLG NEGOTIATING DELEGATION IN TALKS WITH LPF. SOMPHOU IS INTELLIGENT AND WELL-EDUCATED, HOLDING A DOCTORATE IN SOCIOLOGY FROM FRANCE. POSITIONS HE HAS HELD SINCE HIS RETURN FROM FRANCE IN 1964, INCLUDE: DIRECTOR OF DONG DOK SCHOOL AND INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. SOMPHOU HAS BEEN LEADER GRANTEE TO THE UNITED STATES AND HAS VISITED JAPAN, AUSTRALIA, SOUTH VIETNAM AND ISRAEL AS RLG REPRESENTATIVE. DESPITE LACK OF FAMILY WEALTH AND CONNECTIONS, SOMPHOU HAS ESTABLISHED A STRONG POLITICAL BASE IN VIENTIANE PROVINCE, ESPECIALLY AMONG MIDDLE-LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, TEACHERS, MONKS, STUDENTS, FARMERS AND BLUE-COLLAR WORKERS. HIS SUPPORTERS CONSIDER HIM A NATIONALIST AND VIEW HIS PROPOSED PROGRAMS AS A MEANS TO IMPROVE THE LOT OF THE LAO PEOPLE. HIS POLITICAL ENEMIES, ESPECIALLY THE SANANIKONE CLAN, FEEL THAT HE IS TOO AMBITIOUS AND DISRUPTIVE. SOMPHOU IS CURRENTLY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF A SMALL POLITICAL GROUP, "MOUVEMENT POUR LES IDEES JEUNES", WHICH INCLUDES MANY EDUCATED MIDDLE-LEVEL LAO OFFICIALS. IN THE PAST, SOMPHOU HAS OFTEN BEEN VOCAL IN OPPOSING UNITED STATES POLICY IN INDOCHINA, BUT HE HAS MODERATED HIS CRITICISMS WHEN U.S. POLICY HAS CHANGED TO HIS LIKING. DESPITE DIVORCING A PROTEGEE OF PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA, SOMPHOU'S POLITICAL CAREER HAS CONTINUED TO ADVANCE AT A DRAMATIC RATE.

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4. OUDAY SOUVANNAVONG -- OUDAY, 55, HAS BEEN SERVING AS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE GOVERNMENT, RLG PRESS SPOKESMAN, AND PRIME MINISTER'S DELEGATE FOR THE INFORMATION MINISTRY. HE HAS BEEN IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE SINCE 1941, A CAREER WHICH INCLUDES SIX YEARS AS PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR. DURING THE 1960'S, OUDAY SERVED IN THE LAO DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN VARIOUS POSITIONS, INCLUDING: CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, COUNSELOR/CHARGE IN PARIS, AND, IN THE LATE 1960'S, AS AMBASSADOR TO SOUTH VIETNAM. HE WAS A MEMBER OF RLG DELEGATION WHICH NEGOTIATED THE FEBRUARY 1973 VIENTIANE AGREEMENT WITH THE LPF, AND WAS RECENTLY NAMED TO FILL THE NEWLY-CREATED POSITION OF RLG PRESS SPOKESMAN.

OUDAY IS A MEMBER OF A VERY PROMINENT VIENTIANE FAMILY AND IS CLOSE TO SOUVANNA. HE HAS TRAVELED WIDELY AND SPEAKS FLUENT FRENCH BUT LITTLE ENGLISH. HE HAS A REPUTATION FOR BEING AN OPPORTUNIST AND AN INTELLECTUAL LIGHTWEIGHT.

4. MAHA KOU SOUVANNAMETHI - BORN FEBRUARY 15, 1911, AT MUONG KHONG, SITHANDONE PROVINCE, MAHA KOU BECAME
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A MONK IN 1930 AND ATTENDED DIVINITY COLLEGE IN PHNOM PENH, GRADUATING IN 1939 WITH TITLE OF "MAHA". HE IS A FORMER NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPUTY FROM PAKSE AND A FORMER MEMBER OF THE PEACE AND NEUTRALITY PARTY OF QUINIM PHOLSENA AND BONG SOUVANNAVONG'S NATIONAL UNION PARTY. HE IS ALMOST CERTAINLY A CRYPTO-COMMUNIST. KOU SUPPORTED THE KONG LE COUP IN AUGUST 1960 AND FLED TO CAMBODIA IN DECEMBER 1960 WHEN SOUVANNA PHOUMA'S GOVERNMENT FELL. HE RETURNED TO LAOS IN 1962 AND SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF RELIGION IN THE KHANG KHAY GOVERNMENT. SINCE THEN, KOU HAS HELD VARIOUS HIGH POSITIONS IN THE PEACE AND NEUTRALITY (SANTIPHAP) PARTY. CURRENTLY, HE IS A MEMBER OF THE DIRECTING COMMITTEE OF THE "ALLIANCE OF PATRIOTIC NEUTRALIST FORCES."

KOU CAME TO VIENTIANE AS A MEMBER OF THE LPF OFFICIAL DELEGATION TO THE PEACE TALKS ON OCTOBER 14, 1972. SINCE HIS ARRIVAL, HE HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE PROSELYTER FOR THE LPF POSITION IN THE NEGOTIATIONS,

MAINTAINING FREQUENT CONTACT WITH HIS FORMER BUDDHIST ASSOCIATES AND RELATIVES.

5. SINGKAPO CHOUNRAMANY -- GENERAL SINGKAPO, 60, IS A VETERAN OF THE LAO ISSARA MOVEMENT AND HAS LONG BEEN A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF SOUPHANOUVONG'S. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE LPF CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND HAS BEEN SERVING AS DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE PATHET LAO FORCES. A MEMBER OF THE PRESTIGIOUS CHOUNRAMANY FAMILY OF KHAMMOUANE PROVINCE, HE HAS MANY RELATIVES, INCLUDING NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPUTY NOUPHAT CHOUNRAMANY, WORKING IN RLG. HE IS DESCRIBED BY ONE SOURCE AS HAVING A FORCEFUL PERSONALITY, BUT NOT VERY BRIGHT. HE IS REPORTEDLY SEVENTH-RANKING MEMBER OF THE LAO COMMUNIST PARTY POLITBURO AND HAS ATTENDED MANY COMMUNIST CONFERENCES ABROAD.

6. OUN NEUA PHIMMASONE -- OUN NEUA WAS BORN ON AUGUST 29, 1921. HE ATTENDED PRIMARY SCHOOL IN VIENTIANE AND GRADUATED FROM THE INSTITUTE OF LAW AND ADMINISTRATION. OUN NEUA LIVED IN SAVANNAKHET FROM 1942-45. HE JOINED THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE IN 1946
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AND BY 1960 WAS PRESIDENT OF THE COURT OF APPEALS IN VIENTIANE. HE ALSO HEADED THE DEPARTMENTS OF JUSTICE AND RELIGION IN SOUVANNA'S KHANG KHAY GOVERNMENT IN 1961 AND SERVED AS A MEMBER OF SOUVANNA'S DELEGATION TO THE 1961 GENEVA CONFERENCE ON LAOS. HE MAY HAVE ATTENDED THE 1965 INDOCHINESE PEOPLES' CONFERENCE. FROM 1961-1972, HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE SERVED WITH THE LPF JUSTICE MINISTRY. HOWEVER, IN 1970 HE WAS LISTED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE LPF INFORMATION BUREAU IN HANOI AND, IN OCTOBER 1972, AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER WITH THE LPF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

7. BOUTSABONG SOUVANNAVONG -- BOUTSABONG, THE ELDEST SON OF THE WELL-KNOWN LAO POLITICIAN AND BUSINESSMAN BONG SOUVANNAVONG, WAS BORN FEBRUARY 8, 1930 IN VIENTIANE. IN 1948 HE WENT TO FRANCE TO STUDY, BUT LEFT AFTER HIS FATHER WAS ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF COMPLICITY IN THE ASSASSINATION OF KOU VORAVONG IN MAY 1954. HE RETURNED TO LAOS TO BECOME DIRECTOR OF HIS FATHER'S LEFTIST PAPER, THE LAO MAY. IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT BOUTSABONG HAD BEEN AT LEAST A LUKEWARM COMMUNIST EVER SINCE 1948. HE WENT TO PARIS TO CONTINUE HIS STUDIES IN 1955 AND QUICKLY BECAME CONSIDERED THE LEADER OF LAO COMMUNISTS IN PARIS. HE WAS CONSTANTLY INVOLVED IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AND AS A RESULT HAD TROUBLE WITH HIS STUDIES. BOUTSABONG WAS IN CONTACT

WITH FRENCH COMMUNISTS, AND HIS FRENCH WIFE IS REPORTED TO BE A COMMUNIST. IT HAS BEEN STATED THAT BOUTSABONG HIMSELF WAS AT ONE TIME A MEMBER OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY. BOUTSABONG WAS INVOLVED IN THE COUP PLOTTING BY HIS FATHER AND THAMMALA SOUVANNAVONG DURING HIS VACATION IN LAOS IN MID-1956. HE IS ALSO BELIEVED TO HAVE LED THE UNOFFICIAL LAO DELEGATION FROM PARIS TO THE MOSCOW YOUTH CONFERENCE IN AUGUST 1957.

BOUTSABONG HAS FOR SEVERAL YEARS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE AND CONSPICUOUS LPF SUPPORTERS AMONG YOUNG LAO INTELLECTUALS. IN 1960, BOUTSABONG QUICKLY ALLIED HIMSELF WITH THE KONG LE FORCES AFTER THE AUGUST COUP AND WAS ONE OF THE WRITERS OF LEAFLETS PUT OUT BY KONG LE'S REVOLUTIONARY GROUP. HE APPARENTLY LEFT CONFIDENTIAL

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IN 1961 TO STUDY IN PARIS, WHERE HE WAS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF A NEUTRALIST POLICY, BUT IN LATE 1961 HE RETURNED AND WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE MITAPHAB CLUB FOR LAO STUDENTS FROM ABROAD, SERVING AS ITS PROPAGANDA CHIEF. IN FEBRUARY 1962, HE WAS FIRST SECRETARY OF THE NEUTRALIST MISSION TO HANOI AND AFTER HIS RETURN WAS MADE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES AND PLAN IN THE OFFICE OF SOUVANNA PHOUMA. BY LATE 1962 BOUTSABONG HAD ADVANCED TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF ECONOMICS IN THE NEUTRALIST ADMINISTRATION IN KHANG KHAY. BY EARLY 1963 BOUTSABONG'S EXTREME LEFTIST ACTIVITIES AND HIS OPEN LPF AFFILIATION LED TO HIS ARREST BY NEUTRALIST FORCES. HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED BUT WAS NO LONGER IN FAVOR WITH THE KONG LE NEUTRALISTS.

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BOUTSABONG WAS MEMBER OF LPF DELEGATION WHICH
ARRIVED IN VIENTIANE IN OCTOBER 1972. HE REPORTEDLY
DID MUCH OF THE DRAFTING FOR THE DELEGATION SPEECHES.
HE HAS BECOME POPULAR AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE IN VIENTIANE.

8. KHAMMOUANE BOUPHA -- GENERAL KHAMMOUANE HAS FOR
YEARS BEEN NEUTRALIST WARLORD IN PHONGSALY PROVINCE.
HE HAS A REPUTATION FOR BEING A HIGHLY-QUALIFIED PARA-
TROOPER, AN EXPERT MILITARY LEADER AND EXCELLENT TACT-
ICIAN. HE IS ALSO DESCRIBED AS BEING EXTREMELY AGGRESSIVE,
FIERCELY INDEPENDENT AND A STRICT DISCIPLINARIAN.
MOST RECENTLY HE HAS BEEN VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE
ALLIANCE COMMITTEE OF PATRIOTIC NEUTRALIST FORCES IN
LAOS AND DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE PATRIOTIC NEUTRALIST
FORCES.

FROM 1959-63, HE WAS A CAPABLE AND EFFICIENT
GOVERNOR OF PHONGSALY PROVINCE. IN THE EARLY 1960'S
HE SUPPORTED SOUVANNA, BUT IN 1963, AFTER INFILTRATION OF
HIS RANKS BY PATHET LAO FORCES AND A TERMINATION OF AID FOR
HIS TROOPS BY SOUVANNA, HIS ALLEGIANCE SHIFTED TO THE
LEFT AND TO SOUPHANOUVONG. HE HAS TRAVELED TO NEIGH-
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BORING ASIAN NATIONS AS WELL AS TO THE U.S. ON AN
ORIENTATION TOUR IN 1959. HIS BROTHER IS KHAMPHENG
BOUPHA (SEE PARA 11) AND HIS UNCLE IS KHAMSOUK KEOLA,
WHO HAS JUST BEEN NAMED VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT
NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL. HE IS MARRIED TO VAN
ME LY, FOSTER DAUGHTER OF PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA
PHOUMA'S FORMER WIFE.

9. KHAMLIENG PHOLSENA -- KHAMLIENG IS THE YOUNGER
ADOPTED BROTHER OF QUINIM PHOLSENA, THE FORMER LEFTIST
FOREIGN MINISTER WHO WAS ASSASSINATED IN 1963. BORN
IN 1932 IN PAKSE, HE STUDIES MEDICINE IN FRANCE FROM

1950 TO 1962, AT WHICH TIME HE RETURNED TO LAOS VIA HANOI. HE BECAME A MAJOR WITH THE DEUANIST NEUTRALISTS AND SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THEIR MEDICAL DEPARTMENT AT KHANG KHAY. IN 1966 HE WAS APPOINTED SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE LPF MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH. IN 1968, AFTER SENDING HIS WIFE TO FRANCE TO LIVE, HE VISITED VIETNAM AND CHINA AND THEN RETURNED TO RESIDE IN SAM NEUA. IN 1969 HE WAS KNOWN TO BE A MEMBER OF THE LAO PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. IN 1970 HE BECAME DIRECTOR OF LPF MEDICAL SERVICES, AND LATER THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE LPF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE.

KHAMLIENG WAS INTERESTED PRIMARILY IN HIS MEDICAL PROFESSION UNTIL ABOUT 1965 AT WHICH TIME HE BECAME MORE INVOLVED POLITICALLY AND THE LPF TOOK INTEREST IN HIM. HE IS KNOWN TO BE A DEVOTEE OF THE ARTS, BOTH MUSIC AND LITERATURE. HE IS CONSIDERED A MODEST, BUT VERY WARM PERSON. KHAMLIENG HAS NEPHEWS AND NIECES IN VIENTIANE AND PARIS, AND HIS FRENCH WIFE, JACQUELINE, STILL RESIDES IN BORDEAUX. HE IS KNOWN TO VISIT HIS WIFE REGULARLY IN FRANCE.

10. SOMVANG SANSATHITH -- A RELATIVE UNKNOWN, SOMVANG IS ABOUT 53 YEARS OLD, AND WAS BORN AND EDUCATED IN XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE. HE WAS REPORTEDLY APPOINTED GOVERNOR OF XIENG KHOUANG IN 1961 BY KONG LE AND IN 1970 WAS REPORTEDLY STILL AT HIS POST. SOMVANG IS USUALLY LISTED AMONG THE SO-CALLED PATRIOTIC NEUTRALISTS.

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11. KHAMPHENG BOUPHA -- SINCE 1955, KHAMPHENG, 54, HAS SERVED ON-AND-OFF AS A DEPUTY FROM PHONGSALY IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. A MEMBER OF THE PROMINENT BOUPHA FAMILY OF NORTHERN LAOS, HE IS THE OLDER BROTHER OF KHAMOUANNE (SEE PARA 8) AND THUS HAS INTIMATE CONTACTS IN BOTH CAMPS. OVER THE YEARS KHAMPHENG HAS BEEN A LOYAL SUPPORTER OF SOUVANNA AND AN UNSOPHISTICATED NEUTRALIST. HE SERVED INEFFECTIVELY DURING THE MID-SIXTIES AS DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS. DURING HIS TENURE HE FAILED TO EVINCE ANY INTEREST IN RURAL PROBLEMS, EVEN IN THE NEUTRALIST AREAS OF LAOS.

KHAMPHENG IS POORLY EDUCATED (SIXTH GRADE LEVEL) AND HE IS NOT MUCH OF A LEADER. HE DID, HOWEVER, RECEIVE A LEADER GRANT IN 1964 TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES AS A LEADING NEUTRALIST.

HE ATTENDED THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON LAOS AS

A NEUTRALIST REPRESENTATIVE. DESPITE HIS TRAVELS,
KHAMPHENG REMAINS A PAROCHIAL INDIVIDUAL OF
MEDIocre ABILITY. THERE IS NO DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT
GIVEN HIS CLOSE TIES TO THE LPF (KHAMSOUK KEOLA IS
HIS UNCLE) AND HIS CREDENTIALS AS FORMER RLG DEPUTY
MINISTER AND ASSEMBLY MEMBER, HE FALLS WITHIN THE LAO
DEFINITION OF "QUALIFIED NEUTRALIST."
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